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Appl. No. 10/695,498  
Atty. Docket: 1875.3640003**Remarks**

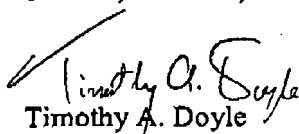
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 15, and 17 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, and 17 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to be fully supported by the specification and are not believed to introduce new matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered by the Examiner.

**Conclusion**

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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